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1. IN VIEW OF THE BREAK BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE WITH GRUNK REPORTED IN REFTEL AND THE PRESS, WHAT ARE THE EM-BASSY'S VIEWS CONCERNING POSSIBLE DISCREET DEMARCHE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC TOWARDS ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH CHILE?

2. DEPARTMENT IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE GKR'S NEED TO STRENGTHEN ITS POSITION IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. EVEN IF THE GOC IS CONCERNED ABOUT DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE INDOCHINA PROBLEM, GIVEN ITS OWN PROBLEMS, WE BELIEVE THAT EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE BY THE KHMER OR BY THEIR
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FRIENDS ON THEIR BEHALF TO BEGIN A DIALOGUE WITH THE GOC THAT WOULD ELICIT QUIET SUPPORT IN CRUNCH SITUATIONS SUCH

AS THE FIGHT FOR THE CAMBODIAN SEAT AT THE FORTHCOMING UNGA. THE DIALOGUE NEED NOT NECESSARILY BE BEGUN BY THE US. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES' THOUGHTS ABOUT THE UTILITY OF KHMER-CHILEAN CONTACTS VIA LOCAL EMBASSIES OR MISSIONS.

3. IN ANY EVENT, WE VIEW AS FORTUITOUS THE EXPOSURE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE GRUNK MISSION WHICH REPORTEDLY PROVOKED

THE RUPTURE IN RELATIONS AS A USEFUL DEMONSTRATION OF THE PRO-COMMUNIST NATURE OF THE CAMBODIAN INSURGENCY. KISSINGER

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